

Explanation of Charge Against President Zelaya.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: A

Pio Bolaños, who since the resignation of Minister Espinosa in Washington is the principal representative of Zelaya in the country, says in your issue of Wednesday:

For several months there have been appearing in THE SUN at intervals letters on Nicaraguan affairs signed "An American Resident." I have made an exception to the statements he has been making, and enclosed in this letter a letter appearing to-day. In this letter he attacks the constitution of Nicaragua has been reformed twice during President Zelaya's administration. This is not so. The national constitution of Nicaragua of 1960 was amended once, in 1966, and this amendment was put into effect in 1969.

This exception is only worth traversing to exhibit Mr. Bolaños's adroitness. I have

Before the three publications, the title of the work which read "Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua" decreed by the National Constituent Assembly, the 10th of December, 1893, fifty-fifty-one thousand copies. Managua, National Press, 1900. It also "Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua, promulgated in 1893, and its reforms decreed the 10th of December, 1900" arranged in one body for their being known, studied and applied by order of the Secretary General President and by commission of the Minister of Public Instruction, Managua, 1900.

aguna, National Press, National Street, telephone 25, 1897," and the *Official Gazette* of May 18, 1966, containing "The Political Constitution of Nicaragua. The subscribing representatives of the Nicaraguan people, united to give the fundamental law to the nation, decree and sanction the following political constitution."

on the fact that the reformed constitution of 1896 does not bear on its face as the

others do the words "And it be published in S. Zelaya." Each of these constitutions is different from each of the others, wherefore Mr. Bolanos mentions them all.

Mr. Bolanos continues: "Regarding the statement that Zelaya has not allowed the exercise of all the articles of this amended constitution, I say that the majority may be condensed into this: That Zelaya has been driven to arbitrary measures by the persistent efforts of the Conservative party to rob him from power. Again it is not so; it is the exercise of all the articles of this amendment, but on the contrary that he had eliminated those provisions of the fundamental law that would have led to the establishment of brutal despotism. It was not, I am so severely to repress the Conservatives. I did not do so in the revolution of 1894. As to that, I tell you, all well informed persons in Nicaragua will tell you that Zelaya has been driven to arbitrary measures and conservatives against spoiling and against the exercise of all the articles of this constitution carried on without any color of law, the mere caprice of Zelaya. One of the

He wrote a pamphlet in which he circumstantially and convincingly relates that when he capriciously confiscating cattle Zelaya he then driven to his own pastures. The Reyes revolution was a revolution headed by Liberal. The descent of the Colombian gunboat Pionero on the Atlantic coast in 1901 or 1902 was an act of reprisal by Colombia for the interference of Zelaya in the politics of that country. The revolution led by Emiliano Chamorro in 1905, and not I think, as Mr. Bolaños says in 1903, was a thrilling affair, due to a mob

Chamorro, by all accounts a most highly respected member of one of the very best families here, has been unjustly imprisoned in the penitentiary without an actual confession. At length, having obstinately refused to confess a political crime or implicate any of his neighbors, or perhaps to pay tribute of his treatment with chili pepper and salt, he was thrown writhing in torture into the public street. The son, inflamed beyond

measure, without preparation or concert, sprang, so to speak, at the tyrant's throat and nearly destroyed him. The revolution of 1911 was the real revolution of Conservatism. The leaders of the Liberal Revolution were Benito Juarez, Emilio Chamorro, and Francisco I. Madero. The Liberal Revolution was a revolution against the tyrant. It was a revolution against the beef, the turtle, the fish, the coconut, the matches, the whiskey, the gasoline, the coal oil, the explosives, the banana, the navigation, the mining, the rubber and other monopolies, against the abuses of the courts, against flogging and against the army.

Mr. Bolaños is a seriously detached person if that has not been brought home to him. Has he heard of the Solomon bodega bought by the Government for a capitalized sum of nearly \$500,000 gold and sold shortly afterward for \$2,500, the larger sum being charged upon the impoverished commerce of Bluefields? Has he heard of the bonds and paper speculations of Passos & Co., that is, of Zelaya and his son-in-law, or of

(re) withdrawal of the principal banker of the banana industry from the peninsula, on the pretext of having been obliged to go abroad in compliance with the law which forbade him to make business of that city? Doubtless he thought his own wife, Augustin Bolaños, Bluefields had been ruined by the beetle monopoly? Has he heard of the Plantation Association case against the banana monopoly, in which Zelaya has long defied the Supreme Court, in which he has successfully

the judges and at length ordered the process out of court? Has he heard of the case of Alfonso Zamora?

Mr. Bolaños speaks of stuffing the ballot boxes, and of the Conservatives who have been unable to defeat Zelaya at the polls. There has not, I am sure, been an election in all Zelaya's time which was anything but a

large. During the last Presidential election Zelaya was the only candidate ever mentioned. To have mentioned any other would have been to send him or his advocate to the cemetery. At the end it was announced that Zelaya had been elected, the unanimous vote of the people. That was when the country was being impoverished and to maintain a soldiery to keep the people from rising in arms against their popular ruler.

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Martin Luther's Room.
From the Jenaer Volksblatt.

The chamber of Martin Luther at Wartburg has fallen into a state of ruin. Admirers who have visited the Ritterhaus of Vohburg, where the Elector Frederick the Wise offered asylum to the Reformer, have allowed their zeal to exceed their

discretion, and, vandallike, have carved their names with their pocket knives on the table, and chipped off bits from the bedstead, so that to restore it would necessitate making it anew.

The same has happened with the plaster on the wall, and the famous ink stain has disappeared completely. It is high time that measures should be taken to make an end of these scandalous depredations.

Extinction of Chinaberry Tree.
From the Fort Myers Press.
The Atlantic Coast Line has taken steps looking to the extermination of the chinaberry tree. It has long been claimed that this tree is a breeder of the white fly, and as the Government has taken a hand and the experts have declared that the pest is bred to an alarming extent in the china-

berry tree, we can but commend the action of the Coast Line in the matter, and we hope the steps they have taken will encourage others in this county to follow suit. The Coast Line has given orders that every china tree along its right of way in Florida be cut down.

Theatre as a Sanctuary.
From the London Chronicle.

Of sanctuaries for the eighteenth century debtor the value of the patent theatre must not be overlooked. So long as the actor was in the bounds of the playhouse he was safe. There was John Palmer, for instance, who lived in his dressing room at Drury Lane for months. But engagements—even at Drury Lane—came to an end, and at length Palmer was required at Haymarket. The journey was a dangerous one.

They packed him in a cabinet, put the cabinet in a cart, and called him "scenery."

The Oldest Family.
From the London Globe.

The Austrians are known to be the greatest "sticklers" for genealogy, many of the nobles tracing their descent back to almost the dawn of the Christian era.

of history. Even in Austria, however, it is generally admitted that the Dukes of Norfolk represent the oldest family in the world. According to the most trustworthy authorities the Howards are of Saxon origin, the name in those days being Hereward. So far back as 857 there are trustworthy records of the family.

From the Greenlee News.

Silas Morgan, living on Whildbee Island, Washington, found several dozen cans containing a substance resembling paint, and believing a case of red paint had washed ashore, painted his house with the material. On taking a sample to town he was told that the sticky fluid was pure opium and each can was worth about \$300. As he had used or spilled nearly thirty cans of the opium

he had wasted more than \$9,000.